

Washington State Elections Weekly

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Drop Boxes and Voting Centers for the Primary

If you haven’t already done so, please look at your county’s locations in WEI Admin to make sure the correct ones are active for the Primary. To see all of your locations at once, do a Location Search with all fields blank or showing the default values; the “Current Election” column shows whether that location is active for the current election.

General Election Ballot Measures

[Initiative 1351](#) qualified for the ballot last week, making a total of five state issues for the General Election Ballot:

- Initiative to the People 1351
- Initiatives to the Legislature 591 and 594
- Two advisory measures

The Secretary of State will certify the ballot measures no later than August 8th.

Write-in Reminder

Do not forget: You need to tally individual write-ins for any single candidate offices. To prepare for the Primary certification, the Secretary of State will ask for the most recent cumulative report on Monday, August 11th. The report needs to include the total number of write-in votes, over-votes, and under-votes for each race. Do not include vote tallies for individual write-in candidates.

Testing Latest Tech Improvements

Improvements to MyVote, VRDB, and WEI Admin will be ready to test next week. If you are not already included on the testing emails and would like to participate, please email WEIsupport@sos.wa.gov.

MyVote/WEI Admin/VRDB System Improvements

July-August 2014

Application	Location	Description
MyVote	Online Voter Registration/ Address Change	Separated unit number from address.
MyVote	Online Voter Registration/ Address Change	Widened address fields to accommodate longer addresses.
MyVote	Online Voter Registration/ Address Change	Validated mailing state field.
MyVote	Ballot Drop Boxes & Voting Centers	Added fields to display Election Day hours.
MyVote	Ballot Drop Boxes & Voting Centers	Removed the space between street address and city when location doesn't include a second address line.
VRDB	VRDB Admin	Corrected birthdate issue on ID Management and Transfer Management search screens.
VRDB	VRDB Admin	Corrected driver license duplicate check.
WEI Admin	Candidates	Grouped offices by color in ordering report.
WEI Admin	Candidates	Displays Primary results on General Election ordering screen.
WEI Admin	Measures	Ballot measure order display corrected.
WEI Admin	Measures	When adding state measures, allows ballot measures and Advisory Votes to display grouped separately.
WEI Admin	Measures	Only notifies counties after state measures are approved.
WEI Admin	Election Results	Removes validation of number of precincts in Tabulation Status.
WEI Admin	Election Results	Blocks users from entering a Next Ballot Count Date/Time in the past.
WEI Admin	Null Status Report	Limits last modified date to voter-initiated changes.
WEI Applets	OVG	Automates ballot measure order.

HAVA Survey | Voting Systems and Tabulations

We are updating our HAVA records and need your reply to these questions:

- What year did you buy your current voting system?
- What year did you buy your current tabulation system?

Please email your responses to [Cristina Labra](#) by **August 8th**.

Register | Reconciliation Refresher

If you are tasked with completing the 2014 Reconciliation Form, certified by the County Canvassing Board, register for an online “tour” of the spreadsheet. Libby Nieland will host a live Q&A refresher geared towards the election administrator who submits certification documents. Select a session from our [Training Events Calendar](#) and receive an Outlook Notice with details!

2014 Elections Conference Videos

Videotaped presentations are premiering now! The first installment of “Elections University” sessions are available on C&T’s YouTube Channel. If you did not attend these sessions at the conference, certification credit is available via these videos. Many thanks to Benton County’s Stuart Holmes for helping us bring these to you.

- [Policy: A 50-state Perspective](#) | Featured speaker, Wendy Underhill
- [Continuity of Operations Plan \(COOP, Part 1\)](#) | Pierce County Elections and Washington State Homeland Security
- [VRDB Basics](#) | OSOS Elections Division

For Newbies . . .

Are you working towards state election administrator certification? The paths to both full and assistant level certification are explained on our web page, [Become a Certified Election Administrator](#). *After* meeting the requirements, you may register and apply through the OSOS [online certification](#) tool. For training opportunities, visit our [Training Materials and Videos](#) and online [Training Events Calendar](#).

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